

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-37 (cancelled)

38. (currently amended) A method for producing a patterned web comprising the steps of:

- heating a material which comprises said web;
- pumping said material into a cavity at a controlled rate;
- distributing said material over a length of a slot;
- forcing said material into a cavity formed by a first external land surface, a second external land surface and a surface of a patterned roller;

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- partially solidifying said material under high-pressure;

wherein said first and second external land surfaces are mounted on a die and said roller is mounted on gimbals; and

wherein said gimbals maintain a uniform gap between said roller and an edge of said first external land surface.

39. (original) A method as in claim 38 further comprising:

- continuing solidification of said material on said patterned roller after it exits said cavity.

40. (original) A method as in claim 38 wherein said web is stripped from said patterned roller.

41. (cancelled)

42. (new) A method as in claim 38 wherein said die maintains a constant hydrodynamic pressure on the material.

43. (new) A method for producing a patterned web comprising the steps of:

- heating a material which comprises said web;
- pumping said material into a cavity at a controlled rate;
- distributing said material over a length of a slot;
- forcing said material into a cavity formed by a first external land surface, a second external land surface and a surface of a patterned roller;
- partially solidifying said material under high-pressure; and
- maintaining a constant hydrodynamic pressure on the material.